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SUBJECT: YOUNG/KING VISIT TO ZAMBIA

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA INFORMED AMBASSADOR BY LETTER OF NOV 10 HE REGRETTABLY HAD TO ADVANCE TO 1700 ON NOV 25 OFFICIAL DEDICATION OF VERITAS HOUSE BUILDING IN WHICH NEW USIS CENTER LOCATED. ORIGINAL PLANS HAD CALLED FOR DEDICATION OF BUILDING ON MORNING OF NOV 24 AND FOR USIS TO HOLD ITS OFFICIAL OPENING AND RECEPTION ON EVENING OF SAME DAY. WE NOW PLAN HOLD USIS CENTER OPENING AT 1800 NOV 25 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OFFICIAL BUILDING DEDICATION.

2. WE ADVISED BY OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE THAT IN HIS TOUR OF BUILDING PRESIDENT KAUNDA MIGHT MAKE BRIEF VISIT TO NEW USIS CENTER WHICH TCCUPIES ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR. AMBASSADOR THUS PREPARING TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT AND HIS ENTOURAGE AT ENTRANCE, TOUR PREMISES WITH PAO, AND PRESENT PRESIDENT WITH USIA-PRODUCED FILM AND ALBUM OF PHOTOGRAPHS DOCUMENTING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. WE ALSO PROPOSE PRESENT FILM CLIPS OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND PERHAPS SAMPLE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING SLIDE PROGRAM, IF TIME PERMITS.

3. PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR PROPOSES A SPECIAL INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT STATE HOUSE IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING ON MORNING OF NOV 26, DURING WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MRS. KING WOULD RECEIVE A POSTHUMOUS AWARD FOR HER LATE

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HUSBAND. WE DO NOT YET HAVE DETAILED INFORMATION
AS TO PRECISE NATURE OF AWARD BUT PRESUMABLY IT WOULD BE HIGH
ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT AWARE FOR DR. KING'S WORLD RENOWNED CIVIL
RIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS. CEREMONY WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE
WHICH PRESIDENT KAUNDA OFFICIATES AT FOR STATE VISITS AND
GOVERNMENT AWARDS CEREMONIES AT STATE HOUSE IN PRESENCE
HIGH PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

4. MRS. KING, KING CHILDREN AND CONGRESSMAN YOUNG WOULD
BE RECEIVED PRIVATELY BY PRESIDENT AT STATE HOUSE
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INVESTITUTE CEREMONY.

5. WE MAKING APPROPRIATE MODIFICATIONS IN CODEL'S SCHEDULE
AND WILL SUBMIT REVISION SOONEST. ACCORDINGLY WE ARE BOOKING
CHARTER AIR FLIGHT FOR LIVINGSTONE FOR MONDAY, NOV 24, WHICH
POST HWS ARRANGED AT NO RPT NO COST TO VISITORS.
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